



Memorandum

TO: VTA Board of Directors

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Nora Campos
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Forrest Williams
Councilmember Nancy Pyle

SUBJECT: Capitol Light Rail to Eastridge Mall **DATE:** August 6, 2008

Approved Chuck Reed Date _____
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RECOMMENDATION

Reaffirm the VTA Board of Directors support for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Extension to Eastridge Mall and recommend the continuation of planning and design activities in coordination with the review and approval of the Measure A Expenditure Plan Light Rail Systems Analysis.

BACKGROUND

At the June 12, 2008 Downtown East Valley Policy Advisory Board (DTEV PAB) meeting, the PAB expressed concerns regarding the progress of the Capitol Expressway Light Rail extension project and approved a motion to reaffirm their support. In addition, the DTEV PAB requested that the VTA Board of Directors communicate their continued support for the ongoing development of the project.

DISCUSSION

The 2000 Measure A Expenditure Plan is currently undergoing review by the VTA Board of Directors and VTA stakeholders. The Portfolio of Plans will be presented to the Board of Directors at the September 4, 2008 or a later date VTA Board meeting followed by the approval and adoption of revenue and expenditure plans.

The 2000 Measure A Revenue and Expenditure Plan Policy Guidance was adopted by the Board of Directors at its April 25, 2008 Board Workshop. The policy guidance adopted at that time includes support of continued development of projects that significantly improve economic development, improve mobility and enhance the environment. This policy guidance will be used to evaluate 2000 Measure A projects, including the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Extension. Therefore, it is recommended that staff continue work on the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Extension in accordance with the review of the 2000 Measure A Expenditure Plan and the upcoming Light Rail Systems Analysis.